

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS  
DIA TRUST FUND M.G.L. c. 152 § 34B(c) COLA REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM  
PAYMENT QUARTER \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

For assistance in completing this form please see page 2 for directions.

| A           | B                         | C                  | D                            | E              | F                                | G                                   | H                                    | I  | J                              | K               | L                 |
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| DIA Board # | Claimant & Employer Names | Claimant's Address | Claimant's Social Security # | Date of Injury | Date of Eligibility for Benefits | Weekly Compensation (Base Benefits) | COLA Multitplier (POST 10/1/86 ONLY) | Weekly Adjustment Paid (Supplemental Benefits) | Total Weekly Compensation Paid | # of Weeks Paid | Reimbursement Due |
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**Total Reimbursement Due** \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: A signed COLA Cover Sheet and all supporting documentation must accompany this form to be considered for reimbursement.

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DIRECTIONS

NOTE: The Workers' Compensation Trust Fund will only reimburse *Insurers* for COLA payments.

- A. Please make sure that the correct Board Number is in this column.
- B. Be sure to include both parties.
- C. This is the address at which the employee/widow receives payment.
- D. Include claimant's social security number.
- E. Date of injury as stated on the Form 110.
- F. For § 31 (Widow Benefits) the date for this column is the date of the employee's death. For § 34A (Permanent and Total Incapacity Benefits) the date for this column is the date of injury.
- G. The base benefit is equal to the amount ordered to be paid to the employee/widow on a weekly basis.
- H. See current circular letter for appropriate § 34 adjustments, multipliers and reimbursement factors.
- I. Supplemental benefit is equal to the Base Benefit times the COLA multiplier minus the Base Benefit.
- J. Total amount paid to employee/widow per week. This number should be the Base Benefit plus the Supplemental Benefit.
- K. Total number of weeks in the quarter in which a payment was made to the employee/widow.
- L. The amount to be reimbursed to the Insurer will be equal to the Supplemental Benefit times the number of weeks paid in the quarter.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

- The COLA request form must be accompanied by a signed COLA Cover Sheet.
- Proof of Payments – Insurers must provide an indemnity record of what has been paid out. This will also ensure that the request has been made in a timely fashion.
- Proof that Payments were Proper –
  - The Insurer will be required to submit a copy of the order, decision or agreement for each case it wishes to be reimbursed on.
  - The Insurer must sign the COLA Cover Sheet under the pains and penalties of perjury, and therefore should complete an CR-28 form with the Social Security Administration to ensure that the COLA payments were in fact not offset by SSA payments.
  - For § 34A claims the Insurer must also submit recent medicals on the employee, thereby backing up the statement of permanent and total disability.